

Communion is...

Communion is story time around the table... so many stories of resurrection to hear and rejoice in...

Read Matthew 27:50-53

There is so much to see in these aftereffects of Jesus' death, which is why we are continuing to look.

But I want you to know, the one we'll focus on today amazes me and raises lots of questions all at the same time. Maybe the same is true for you. But even still, what I do understand is enough to cause me to shout hallelujah!

This one today is found in verses 52-53 where we read, ***"and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the Holy City and appeared to many."*** Can you imagine?

First of all, ***"the tombs were opened!"*** Why? Because the curse of death was now undone... the possibility of LIFE was finally a reality... **death no longer had the power to hold captive... worship!**

But did you notice the word "tombs" is plural? This raises a big question for me, 'were all the tombs opened?' We don't know... but let's look from both perspectives...

From the perspective of all the tombs being opened, that is beyond amazing! But if that is true, then another question arises in me as I read, ***"and many of the bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised."*** See I wonder if all the tombs were opened, why did only some of them experience a resurrection? Was it because only some of them were saints? Was it because only some chose to respond to the call of LIFE and others chose to remain in death? I don't know.

And from the perspective of only some of the tombs being opened, I wonder about this too... like how were the tombs chosen? Was it just the tombs of the saints which were opened... those people who had followed God before they died? Or was there some other factor that determined the choice?

I wish I knew more details, and one day I will as I ask lots of questions when I get to heaven. I know there will be many stories to hear! But for now, even amidst my questions, I can be sure of this... resurrection happens... and not just for Jesus, but for people... people like me and you!

So, as we take communion today, we can celebrate before we have all the answers. Because now on this side of Jesus' resurrection, we have the confidence that He has opened our tomb and called our name. We know that salvation is for all who will receive it. And as we sit at the communion table with Him it will be obvious that we have heard and come forth out of our graves of sin and death. **Hallelujah!**

Prayer Conversation Starter...

Jesus, thank You... I am so grateful that You opened my tomb and called my name... **help me to appear to many with the good news of resurrection!**

